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Dear Mr. Jaffe:

I am writing to let you know that I support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens. Forced molting throws hens' systems into collapse and simply is inhumane and utter torture for the hens. In addition, research shows that forced molting is a major cause of salmonella poisoning in eggs. The stressful conditions weaken the birds' immune systems so badly that they become prone to disease, bone breakage and salmonella infections. The result is sick birds and contaminated eggs. In fact, forced molting is so cruel that, in 1987 it was banned in Great Britain and most European countries do not allow food deprivation for more than 24 hours. Yet, North America has no laws to protect these poor birds and I implore you to take whatever steps are necessary to achieve a ban on this horrible act.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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